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# Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) MINH D. A.

(3) James C. Lorson.

(2) Douglas Owens.

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Date of Interview: 25 June 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: independent claims 87, 88, 94, 98.

Identification of prior art discussed: Shin (US6,661,181, Honbo(US 6,087,757) and Lin (US 6,570,344).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: James C. Lorson discussed in detail the features of independent claims and also distinguish feature of claims over Shin, Honbo and Lin, Particularity that, Shin and Hobo and Lin do not teach "the inverter circuits is positioned in close proximity to one end of the fluorescent tube and the length of a connection between the one inverter circuit and the one end of the fluorescent tube being substantially shorter than the distance between the one inverter circuit. Therefore, the rejection mailed on 3/10/09 will be withdrawn. .